IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the following complete listing of all claims:

1. (currently amended) A faucet comprising:

a body comprising: (i) a main bore; and, (ii) a sealing face;

a stem comprising a first portion that defines a flow path and a second portion defining an actuator rod, wherein said flow path communicates with said main bore, said stem being slidable between first and second positions relative to said body, wherein said sealing face of said body encircles an outlet opening of said main bore and wherein said first portion of said stem is closely slidably received in said outlet opening of said main bore so that said first portion of said stem is cleaned by shearing action with said body when said stem moves from said second position to said first position;

a seal that moves with said stem between said first and second positions, wherein said seal engages said sealing face of said body when said stem is located in said first ~~operative~~ position to block liquid flow from said main bore of said body and from said flow path, and wherein said seal is spaced from said sealing face when said stem is located in said second position to allow liquid flow from said flow path and said main bore;

a bonnet releasably connected to said body, wherein said bonnet comprises a hollow chamber and a dispensing spout bore, wherein said flow path of said stem in is communication with said dispensing spout bore when said stem is located in said second position, and wherein said seal blocks communication between said dispensing spout bore and said flow path of said stem when said stem is located in said first position, said actuator rod of said stem extending through said chamber and through an aperture defined in a transverse end wall of said bonnet so that a distal end of said actuator rod is located external to said chamber;

a biasing element ~~that~~ surrounding said actuator rod and acting between said transverse end wall of said bonnet and said stem to ~~resiliently biases~~ bias said stem into said first position; and,

a handle ~~operably engaged with~~ pivotally connected to said distal end of said stem to receive manual input force, wherein said handle comprises a cam portion that bears against said end wall of said bonnet when said handle is pivoted relative to said bonnet from a first position to a second position to pull said actuator rod outwardly through said aperture of said transverse end wall of said bonnet, said second position of said handle corresponding to said second position of said stem so that said stem is movable in response to movement of said handle.

2. (canceled)
3. (canceled)
4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) The faucet as set forth in ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, wherein said bonnet and said body respectively define mating first and second portions of a bayonet mount structure, and wherein said bonnet is releasably connected to said body when said first portion of said bayonet structure is mated to said second portion of said bayonet structure.

6. (canceled)
7. (canceled)

8. (original) The faucet as set forth in claim 5, further comprising a locking clip releasably engaged with both said bonnet and said body when said bonnet is connected to said body, wherein said locking clip inhibits unintended decoupling rotation of said bonnet relative to said body.

9. (original) The faucet as set forth in claim 5, wherein said bonnet comprises first and second resilient fingers projecting outwardly therefrom, wherein said first and second fingers resiliently engage first and second portions of said body when said bonnet is connected to said body to inhibit unintended decoupling rotation of said bonnet relative to said body.

10. (canceled)

11. (canceled)

12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) ~~The faucet as set forth in claim 3, further comprising~~ A faucet comprising:

a body comprising: (i) a main bore; and, (ii) a sealing face;

a stem comprising a first portion that defines a flow path, wherein said flow path communicates with said main bore, said stem being slidable between first and second positions relative to said body;

a bonnet connected to said body, wherein said bonnet comprises a hollow chamber through which at least a second portion of said stem extends;

a seal that encircles said stem and that moves with said stem between said first and second positions, wherein said seal engages said sealing face of said body when said stem is located in said first operative position to block liquid flow from said main bore of said body and from said flow path, and wherein said seal is spaced from said sealing face when said stem is located in said second position to allow liquid flow from said flow path and said main bore;

a biasing element that resiliently biases said stem into said first position;

a handle operably engaged with said stem to receive manual input force, wherein said stem is movable in response to movement of said handle;

a spout defining a dispensing bore located downstream from said flow path, wherein said flow path in is communication with said dispensing bore when said stem is located in said second position, and wherein said seal blocks communication between said dispensing bore and said flow path when said stem is located in said first position;

a seal retainer located in said hollow chamber of said bonnet, said seal retainer conformed to limit radial expansion of said seal by comprising a cylindrical recess into which said seal is at least partially axially received.

14. (original) The faucet as set forth in claim 13, wherein said second portion of said stem extends through said cylindrical recess of said seal retainer.

15. (original) The faucet as set forth in claim 14, wherein said seal retainer is abutted with said stem and wherein said biasing element is operably engaged between said bonnet and said seal retainer.

16. (original) The faucet as set forth in claim 15, wherein said seal retainer isolates said biasing element from said dispensing bore.

17. (canceled)

18. (canceled)

19. (original) The faucet as set forth in claim 1, wherein said biasing element comprises a coil spring or a resilient elastomeric element.

20. (original) The faucet as set forth in claim 1, wherein said body rotatably supports a nut that is adapted to mate threadably with an associated fitment of an associated fluid container.

21. (original) The faucet as set forth in claim 1, wherein said body comprises threads for mating with an associated fitment of an associated fluid container.

22. (original) The faucet as set forth in claim 1, wherein said seal comprises at least one of a resilient O-ring and a resilient flat washer.

23. (canceled)

24. (canceled)

25. (canceled)

26. (original) The faucet as set forth in claim 1, wherein said flow path comprises an inlet and an outlet, wherein said inlet and outlet are defined by separate, spaced-apart openings in said first portion of said stem.

27. (currently amended) ~~The faucet as set forth in claim 3~~ A faucet comprising:

a body comprising: (i) a main bore; and, (ii) a sealing face;

a stem comprising a first portion that defines a flow path and a second portion that defines an actuator rod, wherein said flow path communicates with said main bore, said stem being slidable between first and second positions relative to said body;

a bonnet connected to said body, wherein said bonnet comprises a hollow chamber through which said actuator rod portion of said stem extends, said bonnet defining a transverse end wall including an aperture through which said rod portion of said stem extends to a distal end of said rod located externally of said hollow chamber;

a seal that moves with said stem between said first and second positions, wherein said seal engages said sealing face of said body when said stem is located in said first operative position to block liquid flow from said main bore of said body and from said flow path, and wherein said seal is spaced from said sealing face when said stem is located in said second position to allow liquid flow from said flow path and said main bore;

a biasing element that resiliently biases said stem into said first position;

a handle operably engaged with said distal end of said rod of said stem to receive manual input force, wherein said stem is movable in response to movement of said handle;

a spout defining a dispensing bore located downstream from said flow path, wherein said flow path in is communication with said dispensing bore when said stem is located in said second position, and wherein said seal blocks communication between said dispensing

bore and said flow path when said stem is located in said first position, wherein said aperture defined in said end wall of said bonnet defines a non-circular shape, and said actuator rod of said stem defines a non-circular shape that is slidably received in said aperture so that said stem is restrained against rotation relative to said bonnet by a non-rotational relationship of said actuator rod in said end wall aperture.

28. (canceled)
29. (canceled)
30. (canceled)
31. (canceled)
32. (canceled)